I. **Background**

The Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018 (Md. Code Ann., Education Art., § 7-1510) requires that on or before June 15, 2019, and regularly thereafter, each Maryland local school system conduct a safety evaluation of each public school under the local school system’s jurisdiction to:

1. Identify and, if necessary, develop solutions for physical safety concerns, including issues with building security; and
2. Identify and evaluate any patterns of safety concerns on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The law also requires that in performing the safety evaluations, each designated safety coordinator shall:

1. Consult with the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) for guidance;
2. Coordinate with the Interagency Commission (IAC) on School Construction facility assessment process; and
3. Submit the completed safety evaluations to the MCSS.

II. **Purpose**

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to local school systems (LEA) for conducting the required safety evaluations for each public school. The MCSS administers the grant funds and determines awards. This NOFA outlines the steps for LEAs to apply for funding under the program.
III. Application Instructions

A. All fields of the application must be completed (unless otherwise indicated).
B. Completed applications must be emailed to mcss.mcss@maryland.gov.
C. Completed applications must be received by the MCSS by February 28, 2019 to qualify for funding. Applications should not exceed 10 pages, must use a minimum of 12-point font and a minimum 1.5 line spacing.
D. A completed form C-125 must be included with the application.

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DSFSS/SSSP/21stCC LC/C125_2010.xls

IV. Supplanting

School Safety Survey Grants must be used to supplement existing State, local or private funds for program activities and must not replace those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

V. Evaluation Criteria

The MCSS will conduct an internal review of each application submitted in accordance with this NOFA. If all application information is submitted correctly, an email confirmation of funding approval / denial will be sent within ten (10) business days.

VI. Grant Timing

Completed applications need to be submitted no later than February 28, 2019. The MCSS will conduct an internal review of each application submitted in accordance with this NOFA. If all application information is submitted correctly, an email confirmation of funding approval / denial will be sent within ten (10) business days.

VII. Application Form (one page)

For questions regarding this NOFA, contact: MCSS.MCSS@maryland.gov
School Safety Survey Grant FY 2019 Application

Email Completed Applications to: MCSS.MCSS@maryland.gov

1. Date of Application:
2. LEA (specific organization name):
3. Primary Point of Contact Name:
4. Primary Contact Address:
   a. Street Address:
   b. City:
   c. Zip Code:
5. Primary Contact Phone:
6. Primary Contact Email:
7. Project Description (attach additional documents as necessary):

8. Number of K-12 Public Schools:

9. Anticipated start date of the project:

10. Anticipated end date of the project:

11. Total Requested Amount (attach C-125):

12. Statement of Accountability:

   I attest that the information provided herein is accurate and that if awarded a grant, will follow all general conditions applicable thereto as set forth by the Maryland Center for School Safety in its General Conditions, or as otherwise specified in this NOFA.

   Signature of Applicant: Date: Title: